



**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Brian R. Chambers, et al.  
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Examiner : Susan W. Berman  
Title : DUAL-CURE SILICONE COMPOUNDS EXHIBITING  
ELASTOMERIC PROPERTIES  
Docket No. : 35213US1  
Customer No. : 00116

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance are being submitted  
accompanying payment of the issue fee.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed March 20, 2006, the  
Examiner stated as follows:

Claims 6, 19 and 29 have been amended to define "n" in  
the formulas set forth, as agreed in the above telephone  
interview on March 15, 2005 [sic 2006]. The basis in the  
specification for the amendment is found in the disclosure on  
page 6 that "n" represents the degree of polymerization in the  
formulas, thus providing an implicit disclosure that n can be  
zero or an integer greater than zero, but not a negative integer.

Statement of Reasons for Allowance, at p. 3.

Applicant agrees with this statement except to the extent it implies n must be an  
integer number. The degree of polymerization (molecular length) of a polymer molecule is  
often reported in terms of an average, such as an average polymer length or an average  
molecular weight. While it is true that for any single molecule of the type described in the  
claims "n" will be an integer, this is not necessarily true when the molecular weight or length  
(degree of polymerization) is reported or considered as an *average*.

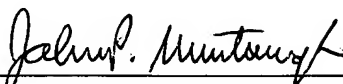
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